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**DIVING ARMOR FROM RUSSIA**  
Russia Is the First and Others Are Expected.  
**TESTED AT INDIAN HEAD**  
By the Courtesy of Secretary Herbert They Are Allowed to Use the Proving Grounds—Probability of Purchases of Guns if the Big Ship Is Established Here.

The superiority of the American-made armor over that manufactured abroad, has been conclusively proven to all experts, and it was never anticipated that foreign governments would depart from their well-established policy of depending upon home industry and supplies alone for both constructing and equipping their warships and come to this country to purchase either armor, ordnance of a single part of a ship's outfit.

Russia, however, has recognized that American armor is the best yet tested, and has placed contracts with the two firms which furnish plates for the Russian fleet. It is a large supply, intended to be used for their newly acquired war vessels. It has even gone further and requested the authorities of the Navy Department to test this armor under the same conditions imposed for acceptance of armor plates for such ships as the Indiana, Oregon and Iowa.

This request was made yesterday by the Russian legation here, and has been cheerfully accepted by Secretary Herbert, and the first trial was held yesterday at the Indian Head proving station. Several years ago the Russian government executed a contract with the Bethlehem Company to furnish 1,100 tons of Harvey-steel armor plate, and deliveries have already been made. The testing was conducted at the Bethlehem proving ground.

**TEST OF CANNON ARMOR.**  
The Cannegies, however, who have also been recently awarded a large contract, are without a place where great armor plates could be tested. Russia was extremely desirous to purchase armor for its fleet, and it is believed that if there was a large ordnance plant for the manufacture of all sorts of armor, it would purchase a large number of her ships' armor here also.

The success which has been attained by the Washington ordnance shops and the well-known superiority of its guns has excited wide interest among naval powers. Guns made here, however, are intended solely for the new war vessels which are being ordered by the Russian government. There is no concern in the country that has yet undertaken the work of constructing on a large scale of its capital of it.

The great reduction in the price of armor since Secretary Whitney's wise policy of awarding contracts to the best bidder has been a great boon to the government. The cost of armor construction is believed now that American firms can well afford to compete with some of the best foreign yards in warship building, and that eventually at least some of the great contracts which would have gone to Great Britain will find their way to American ship companies.

**THE CAUSE OF LA GRIFFE.**  
Now Admitted to Be From Deranged Digestion.  
Careful observation in many cases of La Grippe extending over several years has gradually developed the fact that it is very generally caused from deranged digestion. In other words, during the prevalence of La Grippe, persons who suffer from indigestion or stomach troubles are almost invariably victims of the epidemic.

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**FRESH FROM ALEXANDRIA**  
Ferryman Mudd Stricken With Paralysis Aboard His Boat.  
President Has Competitors at Quantico—Doings of an Insane Negro. Relief for a Confederate.

Policeman George Jones is dangerously ill at his home on Wilkes street. He is one of the oldest and most efficient members of the force.

A. Anderson has broken ground for the erection of a fine brick structure on St. Asaph street, between Prince and Duke. A prominent work of art is being erected for assaulting and beating a companion, and was assessed \$5 yesterday.

About 7 o'clock yesterday morning Capt. Mudd, who had been riding to work, was found lying on the sidewalk, apparently paralyzed. He was taken to the hospital, but died before he could be removed.

Mr. Frank Pettit has resigned his position as fireman at the electric light works. The steamer Harry Randall arrived Monday evening with an assorted cargo, among which were 300 sheep, consisting of Washington dealers, and yesterday a vessel from the Gulf shore arrived with a quantity of the same kind of wool.

At a called meeting of the Mary Curtis Lee Division of the Daughters of the Confederacy, yesterday morning, final arrangements were made for the relief of a disabled Confederate soldier at the home in Richmond.

**THE GREAT PAIN-KILLER**  
Family Medicine of the Age.  
Taken Internally, It Cures  
Diarrhea, Cramp, and Pain in the Stomach, Sore Throat, Sudden Colic, Coughs, Etc., Etc.

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No article ever attained to such unbounded popularity as this medicine. It is a cure for all the ailments of the stomach and bowels, and is a most valuable family medicine.

It is not a cure-all, but is recommended as a cure for dyspepsia and stomach troubles only. A little book on Stomach Diseases sent free by addressing Stuart Co., Marshall, Mich.

**CANNOT AGREE UPON CUBA**  
Conferees On the Resolutions Held a Fruitless Session.  
Both Houses, However, Are Sure That a Conclusion Will Be Reached at an Early Day.

The managers on the part of the two Houses in charge of the Cuban resolutions failed to agree yesterday afternoon and adjourned to meet again today at 2 o'clock.

Many tentative propositions were discussed. It was apparent, however, that neither House will adopt the text in toto of the other.

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**MADE A SCHOOL TRUSTEE**  
Mr. Job Barnard Succeeds Mr. J. J. Darlington.  
**LATTER HAS RESIGNED**  
He Did Not Feel That He Could Give the Time His Duties Demanded—Complimentary Letter of Acceptance Sent Him by the Commissioners—Who the New Trustee Is.

The resignation of Attorney J. J. Darlington as a member of the District board of school trustees, which has been in the hands of the Commissioners since March 19, was accepted yesterday, and Mr. Job Barnard was appointed to succeed him.

This is the first break made in the ranks since the expiration of the regular term of four years, in September last. The Commissioners, prior to the date when the term expired, passed an order extending the service of the board until the successors should be chosen and qualified.

Mr. Darlington has served as trustee for ten years, and as an index of the estimation in which he is held by the appointing power, the following letter, signed by President Ross and addressed to him, is published:

**ASSURED OF THEIR RESPECT.**  
"Your advocacy of a complete civil service system in the schools; your selection and retention of school teachers upon a basis of merit, and your efforts to discourage appointments upon the basis of political favoritism, have been a constant source of respect and confidence of this entire community."

Mr. Barnard, appointed as Mr. Darlington's successor, is a prominent attorney and a gentleman well equipped for the service expected of him. He is also a member of the District board of school trustees, and in the judgment of the Commissioners, the appointment is an excellent one.

**LAKE OF BOILING MUD.**  
Great Natural Wonder to Be Found on the Island of Java.  
"Home of the Hot Devils," or Gheko Kametika Gumbo, as the natives of Java say, in their simple way, is the name applied to the greatest natural wonder on the island which is mainly known to the world through its coffee. It is also called "the island of fire," although it is not an island, but a lake of boiling mud.

This geological singularity is situated in the center of a plain and is called an island because its terrifying area is surrounded by great stretches of tropical vegetation. The island is two miles in circumference. Near the center of the boiling, seething mass immense columns of white steam rise into the air, and are of fifty feet and then falling to the level, giving the appearance of great fountains being thrust through the boiling substratum and escaping quickly, as if by unseen giant hands.

**CUT PLUG**  
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**CALLAHAN IS SENTENCED**  
Convicted of the Theft of Mrs. Bischoff's Diamonds.

Frank Callahan, the young man who robbed Mrs. Bischoff, formerly wife of Prof. Bischoff, the organist of the First Presbyterian Church, of her diamonds and jewelry recently, as fully told in The Times, was convicted of the offense in Judge Cole's court yesterday afternoon and sentenced to the penitentiary at Albany for three years.

Callahan entered Mrs. Bischoff's apartments on Tenth street, while she was at lunch, and took from a jewelry case on her dresser a diamond pin and several other ornaments and two checks. The checks were returned a few days later from Baltimore and that day led to the arrest of the robber. He was arrested with the jewelry in his possession.

It was attempted to prove on trial that the prisoner only received the stolen property, but the necessary witnesses to substantiate the claim failed to show up in court. Judge Cole imposed the maximum penalty.

**NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.**  
Furnished by Frank Wilson Brown, broker, No. 1133 F Street.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT.	61 3/4	62 1/4	61 1/4	62 1/4
May.	61 3/4	62 1/4	61 1/4	62 1/4
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POULTRY.	8.90	8.95	8.85	8.90
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July.	8.90	8.95	8.85	8.90
EGGS.	5.30	5.35	5.25	5.30
May.	5.30	5.35	5.25	5.30
July.	5.30	5.35	5.25	5.30
WHEAT.	4.77	4.82	4.72	4.77
May.	4.77	4.82	4.72	4.77
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	100 lbs. at 10c.	100 lbs. at 10c.	100 lbs. at 10c.
U. S. 8's.	100	100	100
U. S. 7's.	100	100	100
U. S. 6's.	100	100	100
U. S. 5's.	100	100	100
U. S. 4's.	100	100	100
U. S. 3's.	100	100	100
U. S. 2's.	100	100	100
U. S. 1's.	100	100	100
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U. S. -97's.	100	100	100
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